ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 30th, 2025 | First Sunday of Advent | Painting by: Bartolomé Esteban Murillo

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! Many people ask what the difference is between Advent and Lent and how we should practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in different ways during these seasons. As we begin the season of Advent, I would like to offer some of my thoughts on what our goal should be during this season of preparation.

Easter and Christmas are clearly distinct mysteries in the life of Christ, and so the way we prepare for them should reflect those differences. In his Resurrection, Jesus breaks the power of the kingdom of darkness, namely, sin and death, and so in Lent one of our primary goals is the stripping away of the things of the world and turning away from sin. In the Nativity Jesus is entering into the world, and so we should seek to prepare our hearts to receive the presence of Christ, both as he has already come and as he will come again.

At the risk of oversimplification, I think about it like this: Lent is about stripping away "the works of darkness" while Advent is striving to "put on the armor of light" (c.f. Rom 13). These two activities cannot be fully separated, just as Easter and Christmas are intrinsically connected in the salvific work of Jesus, but as we look forward to the advent of Jesus we should focus on building up our hearts. We are building up our lives as a home and temple prepared to receive the gift of the presence of God. This must be done both in our interior life of prayer and in our exterior behaviors and actions.

Advent, viewed in this way, is a premier opportunity to be built up in grace and receive an outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The prayer and penance of this season should be oriented to making our souls a suitable dwelling place to receive our Lord and King. When we orient our Advent prayers and penances in this way, our hearts are prepared for deeper union with God at any moment he may come.

God Bless You,

Fr. Jack

6:00 PM MASS AND 6:30 PM CONFESSION RESUME ON *TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND*

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO DONATE!

At last year's Christmas Conference, I experienced deep refreshment and a renewed sense of the Father's love for me. Going into it, I felt there were still areas of my heart where I didn't sense the Lord's presence. On the second night of the conference, the speaker shared this quote: "The very places we feel abandoned by God are the very places where we need to let Him in."

These words impacted me profoundly. I realized that the places where I feel "abandoned" or "unloved" by the Lord are actually the very places I most need to open to Him. The words of that keynote speaker are still bearing fruit in my life today.

Since last year, I have come to prayer with a new perspective—that all I need to do is let God into the places that hurt and feel uncertain. I've felt a deeper longing for and love of Jesus since then, and I'm excited to see where His love leads me in this next season of my life!

– Adie deChavez | SJB Campus Ministry Student

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THIS WEEK

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
7pm
at the Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
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Hope Does Not Disappoint
Speaker: Peter Herbeck

SJ Beat

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ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

SIGN UP FOR DECEMBER ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
AFTER THE 8AM MASS
downstairs in the PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
6:30pm
in the Sanctuary

Formation Opportunities

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

November 30th.....1st Sunday Advent

December 1st.....Walk Through the Mass Pt 1

December 8th.....Walk Through the Mass Pt 2 (ATTEND 6pm Mass as group)

December 15th.....Rite of Anointing of the Catechumen / Q&A on the Sacraments

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Light

Advent invites us not into holiday hurry, but into holy waiting. It's a season to pause, trust that God is at work in our lives right now, and make room for Christ in our hearts.
This Advent, our parish is invited to journey with Fr. Mike Schmitz through *Waiting Well*, a simple daily video series and prayer journal that helps us slow down. Together, let's prepare our hearts to welcome Christ and share in His lasting peace this Christmas. ***Contact the parish office to a get a copy of the prayer journal - limited supply.***

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Try writing a list of ideas that will help you throughout Advent, and ask God to help you work on these things so that you can grow in excitement for Christ's coming.

SONGS OF THE WEEK

Glory - Matt Maher / ***Like the Dawning*** - Hymn by Fr. Frederick W. Faber / ***Alma Redemptoris Mater***

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Adoration at SJB

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE ADORATION EVERY WEEK?

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
9:00 AM - 5:45 PM	8:45 AM - 9:00 PM	12:00 - 5:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration can be pivotal for your prayer life. Enjoy the silence, journal, read spiritual literature, pray the rosary, kneel, sit, or stand.

WEEKLY COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED

Open spots include:

- Tuesdays at 12 PM
- Fridays at 3PM
- All times need a third committed adorer
- We always need more adorers for First Friday All-Night Adoration

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2025 ordering period closes Sunday, December 7th at Midnight. Order soon to make sure it arrives in time for Christmas.

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BREAKFAST WITH HIS BRIDES

Mothers - or other influential women - and daughters are invited to encounter the beauty of religious life with the sisters of Servants of God's love. Our time together will be enjoyed with activities, prayer, worship, and a talk that fosters openness to religious life and discernment. All are welcome, especially girls in grades K-8th. Please RSVP via the QR code by December 1 for planning purposes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
8 AM-11 AM (JOIN US FOR 8 AM MASS)
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

CHRISTKINDLMARKT - ADVENT FESTIVAL

Christkindlmarkt ("Christ Child Market") is a traditional German festival held before Christmas to help prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. The outdoor artisan market held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor will also include food and drinks for purchase, Lessons & Carols, an Our Lady of Guadalupe dance performance, and an array of fun activities for all ages. See you there!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
1PM - 6PM
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, ANN ARBOR

ADVENT GIVING TREE

In partnership with Hope Clinic and Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County, you can support our local neighbors this Christmas season.

Pick up a tag from one of our giving trees in the back of the church and follow the instructions—your gift will be a tangible expression of God's love in our community.

WAITING FOR JESUS

Advent is a time when we reflect on waiting for Jesus. However, have you ever thought about those who might be waiting for YOU to bring Him to them?

Isolated members of our Catholic community in care and correctional facilities need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to visit and share Christ's presence.

No experience is needed—training is provided, with flexible times and locations. Contact Michelle Kazanjian at 734.971.9781 x338 or mkazanjian@ccwcwashtenaw.org.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRAINING WORKSHOP

CONFESSION

This Advent, take a step closer to God and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ our Savior. A wonderful place to begin is with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Opportunities are available:

- Monday: 11:00 AM
- Tuesday: 6:30 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM
- Saturday: 3:30 PM

For more information on going to confession, visit our website.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

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734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
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Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
12:15 PM:†Fay Purcell
Requested by Andrew Mills

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
8:00 AM:†Vince Greiner
Requested by The Muczynski Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
8:00 AM:†Jeff Rombach
Requested by Dennis & Sharon Zielinski

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
8:00 AM:†Maria Pop
Requested by Alicia Pear

5 PM:†Carol Tolbert
Requested by Carolyn Rybo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
9:00 AM:†Paul Van Slambrouck
Requested by Sall Can Slambrouck

11 AM: People of the Parish

St. Nicholas of Myra

December 6th, 2025

As Advent begins, there are many things we can do to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior on Christmas Day. Advent is an especially exciting time for families, as there are many traditions that accompany the season, such as lighting an Advent wreath, creating a Jesse Tree, and decorating our homes. Another wonderful tradition is celebrating St. Nicholas Day.

St. Nicholas became an orphan at a young age and inherited considerable wealth. He chose to live generously, giving to those in need while expecting nothing in return. Many stories are attributed to him, the most famous being the tale of three poor daughters who mysteriously received bags of gold in their stockings during the night—enough for each to have a substantial dowry. This story helped inspire the tradition of Santa Claus.

Today, many Catholic families celebrate his feast day by having children place their boots or shoes by the door or fireplace on the night of December 5th to receive small gifts from St. Nicholas. Common gifts include:

- Chocolate coins: representing the coins he gave to the girls in need
- Oranges: symbolizing the gold he shared with the poor
- Candy canes: recalling his crozier
- Coins or other small gifts

Another way to celebrate is to learn more about St. Nicholas or spend the day performing small acts of kindness.

St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, bakers, brides, unmarried women, grooms, sailors, and travelers.

Saint Nicholas,
you brought the joy and generosity of Christmas
to people all year round.
Fill us also with the spirit of Christmas
and inspire us to share that spirit
with others every day of the year.

Amen.

— Written by Anna Njoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 6TH & DECEMBER 7TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
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SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
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Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
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Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Thomas Meyer
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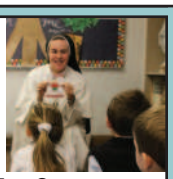

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